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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS LETS UP ON TURKISH ARMS ISSUE

REF: NICOSIA 1136 (DTG 271410Z APR 77)

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APR 28-MAY 2 SHARPLY REDUCED REPORTING  
AND STRIDENT CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION ON  
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SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. ONLY PROMINENT STORY APPEARED  
APR 28 WHEN GOC SPOKESMAN ON BACKGROUND AS "AUTHORITATIVE  
SOURCE" STATED GOC BELIEVES ANY COMMENT ON SITUATION COULD BE  
PREMATURE AND MIGHT HAVE UNDESIREABLE EFFECTS, BUT GOC  
CONTINUES TO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND WILL "MAKE  
THE NECESSARY MOVES" IF IT PERCEIVES ANY HARDENING OF THE  
TURKISH POSITION AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S

DECISION. REPORTS BY ATHENS NEW AGENCY CONCERNING EFFORTS BY GREEK-AMERICANS TO BLOCK ARMS FOR TURKEY IN CONGRESS WERE CARRIED WITH SOME EMPHASIS IN LATTER PART OF WEEK. BY MAY 2 THE ENTIRE SUBJECT STORY WAS ON THE FRONT PAGES.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS SIMILARLY DISSIPATED. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS APR 29 APPROVED GOC'S "PRUDENT WAIT-AND-SEE" ATTITUDE AND SUBSEQUENTLY DROPPED THE SUBJECT. THE LEFTIST PRESS HAS CONTINUED HALF-HEARTEDLY THE THEME THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS INDIFFERENT TO ANY QUESTION IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BUT REPAIR OF NATO'S SE FLANK. CONSERVATIVE AGHON, WHICH NOW FREQUENTLY REFLECTS VIEWS OF GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS, WAS ONLY GREEK CYPRIOT DAILY TO COMMENT ON SUBJECT MAY 1 WITH MILD (FOR GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS\*) EDITORIAL SPECULATING AS TO MOTIVES FOR PRESIDENT'S CARTER'S "WRONG AND ILL-CONSIDERED TACTIC" IN "RECOMMENDING RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY."

3. COMMENT: GREEK CYPRIOT IRE APPEARS TO HAVE RUN ITS COURSE ON THIS PHASE OF THE SUBJECT AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. CRAWFORD

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